

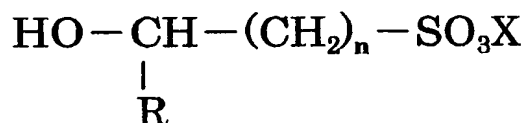
Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) An electroless gold plating liquid comprising a non-cyanide gold salt as a gold salt, an alkali metal salt or an ammonium salt of sulfurous acid and thiosulfuric acid as a complexing agent for gold, a hydroxyalkylsulfonic acid or a salt thereof represented by the following general formula as a reducing agent, and an amine compound.

~~{Chemical Formula 1}~~



(wherein R represents hydrogen, a carboxyl group, or any of a phenyl group, a tolyl group, a naphthyl group, a saturated or unsaturated alkyl group, an acetyl group, an acetonyl group, a pyridyl group and a furyl group which may have a substitutional group, X represents any of hydrogen, Na, K, and NH₄, and n is an integer between 0 and 4.)

2. (Original) An electroless gold plating liquid according to Claim 1, wherein the reducing agent represented by said general formula is sodium hydroxymethanesulfonate (HOCH₂SO₃Na).

3. (Currently Amended) An electroless gold plating liquid according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the non-cyanide gold salt is sodium gold sulfite.

4. (Currently Amended) An electroless gold plating liquid according to ~~any one of Claims 1 through 3~~Claim 1, wherein said amine compound is ethylenediamine or glycine.

5. (Canceled)